Docket No.: 3008-16 Client No.: PHCF-00189

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

:

Matsui et al.

: Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Application S/N: To be determined

: Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: Concurrently herewith

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For: ULTRAFINE COPPER ALLOY WIRE, STRANDED COPPER ALLOY WIRE CONDUCTOR, EXTRAFINE COAXIAL CABLE, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ULTRAFINE COPPER ALLOY WIRE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

onorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is directed to the abovereferenced application. Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4, and 11 as follows:

Claim 4, line 2, delete "2, or 3,".

Claim 11, lines 1 and 2, delete "9 or 10,".

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This preliminary amendment is directed to the abovereferenced new application.

Claims 1-14 are pending. Claims 4 and 11 are amended to delete multiple dependencies. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed local telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any remaining issues and further to expedite passage of the application to issue, if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection with the application.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 12-0429 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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